

READY FOR LAUNCH: Berrien sheriff's deputies Wednesday revealed the latest thing in mobile units—a submarine. Deputies William Beilman, Robert Morris and George Fast, with Coast Guardsman Jim Johnson, unload home-built sub into Paw Paw lake at Crystal Bait and Marine. The box beneath sub is pilot's perch and housing for three batteries to power electric motors. (Staff photo)

Boaters, Beware; It's Everywhere!

Deputies Launch Sub

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

The Berrien county sheriff's department may be one of a very few sheriff's departments in the nation with its own one-man submarine.

The sub, a 12 foot-long plywood, pine and metal creation by Sheriff's Marine Lt. William Beilman, went for a brief test run before newsmen at Paw Paw lake Wednesday.

The run was cut short by a fault in the sub's electrical system, although it reportedly performed well in tests up to three hours and dives as deep as 25 feet last week in Lake Michigan and an inland lake.

Beilman spotted sub plans in a popular magazine two years ago, wrote for them and won approval to build it from a committee of the Berrien board of supervisors in late summer, 1968.

LESS THAN \$250

He was authorized to spend \$300 but to date has less than \$250 in it, not including labor, he said.

With speeds estimated at up to 5 miles an hour and dives perhaps to 100 feet down, the

sub should be a boon to underwater searches for drowning victims, loot, cars and custoff weapons, Beilman said.

The sub, dubbed "Snoopy," is basically a hollow tapered wooden tube with a "wing" and rudders at the rear and a pair of 34-horsepower electric motors bolted to the sides. The pilot, breathing through self-contained apparatus, rides with his head in a clear air-filled plastic dome and guides the sub with a steering wheel that turns motors and rudders.

Beilman describes it as much like flying an airplane.

Most of the sub is flooded while in the water. The pilot controls its buoyancy by venting air out of the plastic dome or opening a valve on an air tank to pump more in.

BUILT IN COURTHOUSE

Construction on the sub began in mid-October of 1968 in the basement of the workshop of the county courthouse, St. Joseph. Beilman was assisted by Berrien Building Supt. Florian Rettig, former Deputy Al Weaver and others.

The hollow snout and tail are plywood and pine and the sides and top are plywood. They're

coated with fiberglass and painted a pure white. A clear plastic dome in the top center is filled with air for the submariner's head.

The pilot rides in the center of the craft perched over a steel-like lower floor housing three 12-volt batteries powering the motors plus lights and communications yet to be installed. The sides of the lower unit are open to permit the pilot's entry and exit.

A valve in the cockpit controls buoyancy by raising or lowering the water level in the plastic dome, and a steering wheel turns rudders at the sub's tail and also turns the two motors at its side.

Beilman says the sub can stay down at least three hours, though the submariner will have to breathe bottled air — will have to surface for refills every 30 to 60 minutes.

LISTS ADVANTAGES

The sub's big advantage over aqualung diving, Beilman says, will include its lights, communications, power and speed. The last two features would be especially handy during search

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FLIGHT TRAFFIC TOWER NEARING FOR ROSS FIELD

Hart Auto Insurance Bill Ready

Restrictions On Drivers Are Tightened

WASHINGTON (AP) — An auto insurance bill providing among other things for beefed-up federal drivers' license standards and compulsory auto inspection will be introduced soon by Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich.

Hart said Wednesday night that the measure stems from a three-year investigation into skyrocketing insurance premiums and repair costs. He said it will include compulsory rating of cars as to relative vulnerability to crash damage of both vehicle and passengers.

"I am convinced that industry by itself cannot produce a system with both adequate compensation for victims and a reasonable price tag," Hart said.

Hart, chairman of the anti-trust and monopoly subcommittee, unveiled a tentative outline of his bill in remarks prepared for the Washington Metropolitan Auto Body Association.

He said the measure may include some combination of the "fault" and "no fault" insurance systems.

Under the current "fault" system, whoever is assessed the blame bears some or all of the cost in an accident.

Under the "no fault" system, insurance companies would pay off damages suffered by their own customers without regard to who caused an accident.

'NO FAULT' SETUP

The "no fault" system in most cases also would end the costly and time consuming court litigation that some blame for the high cost of insurance.

Hart said a recent study by the Department of Transportation showed that in half a million cases of serious injury or death in 1967, auto insurance covered only 20 per cent of the losses.

"We are all determined to save more lives and prevent more injuries," Hart said. "But we will never wipe out accidents. So we must find a way to make whole economically those unfortunate enough to be in an accident. Right now that's one out of four cars each year."

DAMAGE RATING

Hart said the purpose of a compulsory rating for damage vulnerability is keyed to a promise by several companies to charge 20 per cent lower collision premiums for cars capable of withstanding a five-mile-per-hour crash without damage.

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EDWARD HUTCHINSON
Congressman paved way



JOHN BANYON
Airport board chairman

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Hutchinson Praised For Big Effort

Nixon Due To Sign Bill In Few Days

Congress has completed all action necessary to install and operate a control tower at the Twin cities' Ross field airport, it was announced from Washington late yesterday by this district's congressman, Edward Hutchinson.

Only President Nixon's signature remains for the final green light, and that's expected to come routinely within the next few days.

The tower represents a major landmark in development of the rapidly improving and expanding local airport. Its operation will provide air and ground traffic control urgently needed to assure safety and efficiency as use of the airport increases.

LONG PUSH

Efforts to obtain a tower have been going on for years. The estimated \$200,000 construction cost probably could have been subscribed locally. There were moves on foot in that direction.

But operation of the control center represented a virtually insurmountable hurdle. Local observers estimate it may cost \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually to man the tower with licensed controllers seven days a week.

Federal installation and operation, as approved by Congress yesterday, provides not only construction money but continuing operation funds as well.

Congressman Hutchinson shepherded the local campaign for a control tower through Congress. The Twin Cities area is one of only two communities in Michigan to obtain a tower under the omnibus legislation completed yesterday. The other is in Ann Arbor.

Hutchinson today received high praise for his efforts on behalf of Ross field from the Twin Cities Airport board. John Banyon, chairman of the local board, said:

"The status of the proposed control tower for Ross field, Twin Cities airport, is news most welcome to our entire Twin Cities Airport board. There have been many people who have worked very closely with Mr. Hutchinson, our Congressman, over the past two years to make the project feasible. We have received wonderful cooperation from our Congressman.

BUSINESS BOOMING

"The traffic at Ross field has now exceeded 80,000 operations annually. Control of traffic at the airport is much needed for the safety of all aircraft operating in and out of Ross field."

Banyon said he believes the local tower will be built and in

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GR. RAPIDS

They're Not Too Young To Protest!

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Things were back to normal today at Oakdale Elementary School after a crisis over recess. It was a crisis to the fourth, fifth and sixth graders, anyway, who staged a sit-in Tuesday when their recess period was suspended for what one teacher described as "rude, noisy and discourteous behavior" on the playground Monday.

"No recess, no school," chanted the kids.

School officials reinstated recess Wednesday, explaining the disciplinary measure was a one-day thing.



NO BLISTERS: Gov. William Milliken pulls on last of five pairs of socks to pad his feet inside wooden shoes before leading traditional folks parade to kick off 41st annual Tulip Time Festival in Holland Wednesday. Governor learned trick the hard way after leading street scrubbing parade for the first time last year. He and Mrs. Milliken led more than 600 colorfully-costumed Hollanders who washed down streets and doused each other with water. Four-day festival concludes Saturday with band festival and parade. (Tom Renner photo)

Abortion Law Change Backed

Rep. Mittan Tells Results Of Citizen Survey

Almost nine out of every 10 persons answering State Representative Ray C. Mittan's recent questionnaire favored some liberalization of Michigan's abortion laws, he reported today.

He said about 2,000 residents of the 44th House District, which covers parts of Berrien and Cass counties, completed his questionnaire. While this does not provide a scientific poll, it does give an idea of the attitudes of district voters, Mittan said.

Mittan reported 49 percent of the men and 48 percent of the women answering feel that abortion should be strictly a matter between the woman and her physician. This is the equivalent of repealing all laws concerning termination of pregnancies and would make an abortion possible any time a woman so desired and her doctor agreed.

A slightly lesser percentage, 39 percent of the men and 40 percent of the women feel abortion should be allowed where the woman's physical or mental health is endangered or where the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest.

MINORITY OPPOSED

Eight percent of those responding felt there should be no change in Michigan's law, which permits an abortion only to save the life of the mother.

Four percent had no opinion. Mittan noted that there are several bills to alter abortion laws before the legislature some more liberal than others. "I do not know which, if any, will reach the House Floor in this session," he said, "so I cannot say what my position will be. But I am grateful to those who answered my questionnaire to give me an idea of

Sen. Craig On Outside Looking In

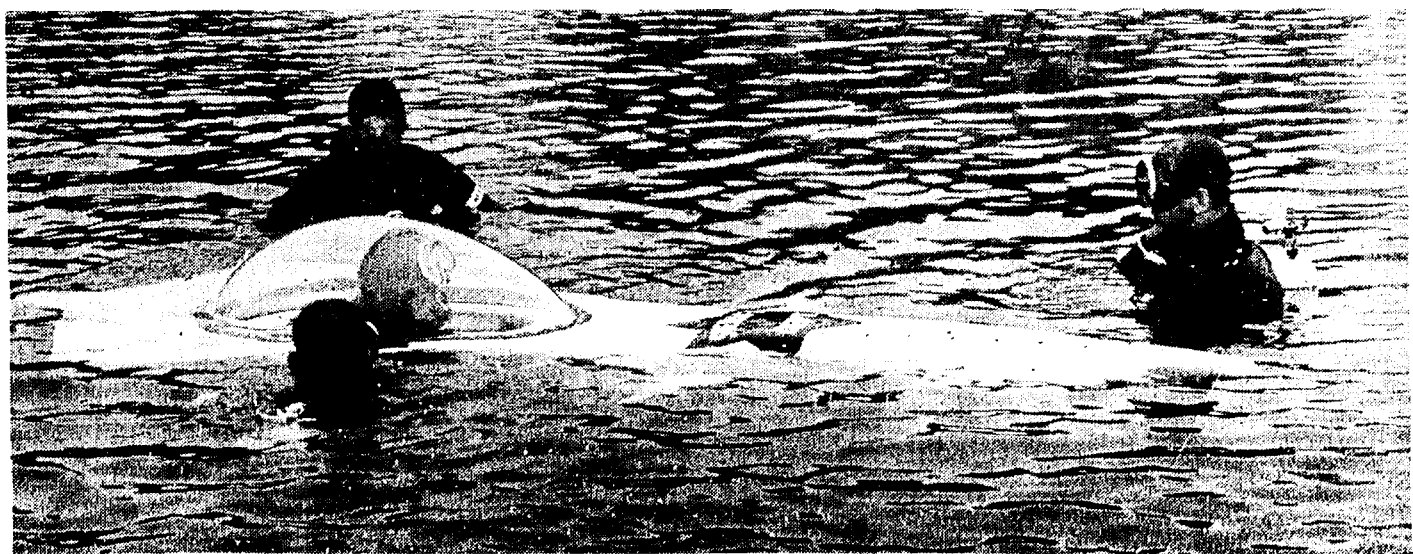
LANSING (AP) — Michigan State Police guarding the Capitol Wednesday when an estimated 2,000 student peace marchers visited wound up guarding against a senator too.

Sen. Roger Craig, D-Dearborn, wandered outside the Capitol during a student rally on the steps "because I thought someone ought to hear what the young people were saying."

"But when I turned around and tried to come back in, a State Police trooper put a billy club in my face and said, 'you can't come in here.'"

Craig said he managed to change the policeman's mind, and later told colleagues: "I may not belong in here—but I think that's up to the people of Dearborn to decide."

Wilson's Bakery, Thur., Fri. & Sat., Butter Pecan coffee cake 79c, 8" Lemon Sherbert Boston 99c.



PREPARES TO DIVE: Divers hover near submarine while Lt. Beilman (inside clear dome) prepares to start electric motors for test run. Testing yesterday was cut short by a loose wire in electrical connections, but sub reportedly functioned well with few "bugs" during two trial runs on and beneath the surface last week. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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Court Roster Is Filled

In startling contrast to the months of sharpshooting about the fitness of Clement Haynesworth and Harold Carswell to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Abe Fortas from the U.S. Supreme Court, the Senate approved Nixon's third round choice, Harry A. Blackmun, by a 94-0 vote Tuesday.

Last week the Senate's Judiciary Committee accorded Blackmun a unanimous concurrence.

Simply to make things look normal, the full Senate delayed its balloting by 90 minutes.

Possibly the upper house members felt going to bat immediately on a fore ordained home run might give people who held a regard for Haynesworth or Carswell the ammunition to say the Senators were talking with their feet instead of their brains on the first two debates.

Organized labor went after Haynesworth tooth and toenail because of some adverse decisions he had rendered on appeals from NLRB rulings. Senator Birch Bayh, of Indiana, who owes his political life to the CIO, ferreted out a stock purchase by Haynesworth following a decision in the company whose shares he had acquired.

Civil rights leaders joined in the attack.

Defection among some G.O.P. Senators with an eye to this year's elections turned the tide against the South Carolinian.

Carswell, a Floridian, met a different flank attack. Bayh marshalled his appeal record on civil rights cases eventually reaching the Supreme as evidence that Carswell is a judicial dud.

Nixon then turned to Blackmun as his third offering of a judge who would decide cases on the basis of what the law is and not as what a political activist thinks it should be.

Eisenhower appointed Blackmun to the federal appeals court at Minneapolis in 1959.

His decisions have given him a reputation as a middle of the road traveller.

Some Blackmun opinions on civil rights matters which have been adopted by the Supreme Court go counter to the conservative view.

A recent opinion denying reinstatement of two Missouri University students expelled for strident demonstrating indicates he feels permissiveness has a point of no return. Their conduct, he noted, "might have been

expected from a child of tender years but not from a college student who in theory is close to being grown up."

How much Hubert Humphrey's personal endorsement of Blackmun accomplished in smoothing his appointment through the Senate is debatable. If nothing else, as Hugh Scott, a G.O.P. liberal from Pennsylvania, remarked, "It won't hurt."

More likely the Senate's vote is a way of saying Jerry Ford's proposed impeachment of Justice Douglas would not get very far at this time.

By accepting Blackmun as a strict constructionist, Nixon's announced intention on all judicial appointments opening up to the White House, the Senate is playing the time honored political game of tit for tat.

Though a majority in the Senate may feel as Albert Gore, the Tennessee liberal, suggested several weeks ago that Douglas should resign, the sentiment probably would not jell to the consistency of giving him the gate.

Tuesday's vote, then, reduces to a view that the judicial boat has been rocked sufficiently for the present.

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The Constitution's framers regarded the courts as playing a passive role in our system. They were to umpire disputes between private parties, and arguments between the citizen with the administrative branch or the legislative branch or both. The courts were not, in plain English, to make law. Rather they were to explain what the law is or means to be.

The Founding Fathers adopted that concept undiluted from their British masters from whom they had recently parted company.

At the same time the Fathers, perhaps unconsciously, moved a baby from one cradle to another quite different.

Under the English system the law is what Parliament decides it shall be. A British court would not even consider questioning this legislative supremacy.

The American system relies upon a written constitution couched for the most part in sufficiently broad terms to imply what various readers of those words believe the verbiage should mean.

Under this method the courts are forced into making law. Their interpretations of broadly expressed language have this unavoidable consequence.

The argument of strict vs. broad construction of the Constitution arose when the first Supreme Court convened in the late 1780s and will never abate.

In the country's early history this argument swirled around the maelstrom of states rights as opposed to a strong central government.

Today the argument has shifted into economics, civil liberties the civil rights. How far should the judiciary go in deciding on a strike, a dirty book, a gerrymandered voting precinct, a segregated school, etc? These are policy matters which the legislative branch should decide but for political purposes quite frequently chooses to evade.

The "Warren court," only recently out of office, said unhesitatingly the judiciary should move against any default by the legislature.

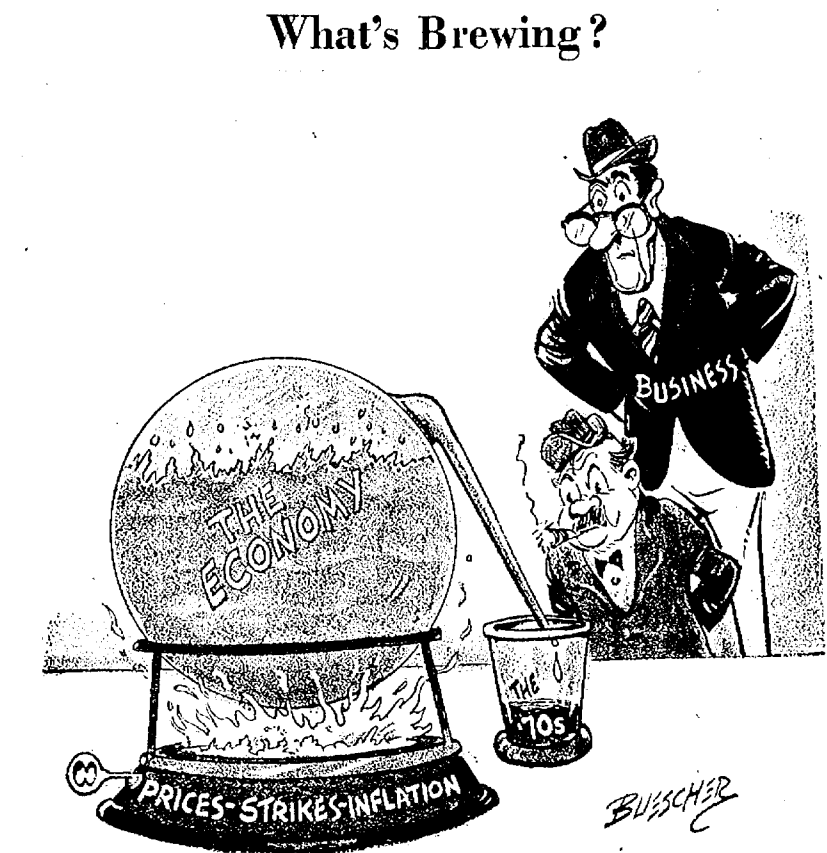
This is a free wheeling activism which should be decelerated by at least a few m.p.h., just as the legislative penchant for stumbling should be jacked up into walking straight.

Blackmun and his personal friend, Chief Justice Burger, indicate they believe in a measured, coherent pace between all three branches in the government.

An idyllic bay on Ishigaki, one of the Ryukyu Islands, is the only place in the world where black gem pearls are cultivated. National Geographic says. One of the black beauties sold for \$3,200.

One of the first conservationists, William Penn decreed in 1681 in his Pennsylvania colony that one acre of forest should be left standing for every five acres to be cleared.

The first oil pipelines in the United States were laid about 1867, because there were not enough oaken barrels to transport all the oil being produced.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

RESIDENTS OPPOSE STREET LIGHTS
—1 Year Ago—
Petitions signed by 30 residents opposed to street lights in Newman Village subdivision No. 1 were presented last night to the Lincoln township board.

BEARS WIN THIRD
—10 Years Ago—
The St. Joseph Bears won their third straight Big Five baseball championship by scoring a 3-1 victory over the Niles Vikings.

GERMAN WEDGE SPLITS DUTCH, BELGIAN ARMY
—30 Years Ago—
The Belgian and Dutch armies have been separated by a powerful German wedge, DNB, official German news agency, reported today from the western front.

ELECTED PRESIDENT
—40 Years Ago—
Ralph Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Phelps of the Lake Shore drive, has been elected president of the Albion college chapter of Alpha Phi Gamma fraternity.

SCHOOL PICNIC
—50 Years Ago—
The Arden school closed with a picnic at Island park in Niles, the trip being made by truck. After a bountiful dinner the group attended a matinee.

FIRST TRIP
—60 Years Ago—
The Graham and Morton company will run its first excursion from Chicago to this city on Sunday. The boat will arrive at 2 p.m. leaving for the return trip at 5 p.m.

FISH NETS
—80 Years Ago—
Captain A. N. Vanderbeck of Hagar was in town yesterday looking for fish nets. The Captain says if the person having the nets will return them he will say nothing about the pickeral secured at the same time.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1—What famous actor was brother to an assassin?
2—In what general section of the U.S. was land acquired through the Gadsden Purchase?
3—What is a pariah?
4—Who wrote "Ode to a Skylark"?
5—With what field of literature were Sophocles, Euripides and Aeschylus identified?

IT HAPPENED TODAY
On this day 1942 the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was established.

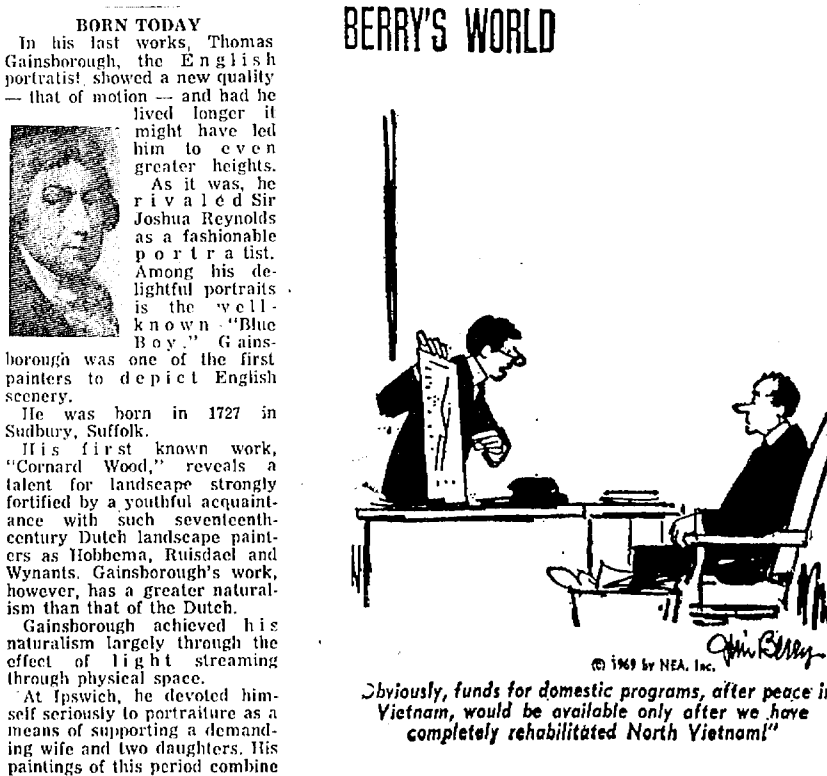
YOUR FUTURE
You may find further progress harder than last year. Today's child will be a plodder, slow but very sure.

IT'S BEEN SAID
It is of the utmost importance that a nation should have a correct standard by which to weight the character of its rulers. — Lord John Russell.

BORN TODAY
In his last works, Thomas Gainsborough, the English portraitist, showed a new quality — that of motion — and had he lived longer it might have led him to even greater heights. As it was, he rivaled Sir Joshua Reynolds as a fashionable portraitist. Among his delightful portraits is the well-known "Blue Boy." Gainsborough was one of the first painters to depict English scenery. He was born in 1727 in Sudbury, Suffolk. His first known work, "Cornard Wood," reveals a talent for landscape strongly fortified by a youthful acquaintance with such seventeenth-century Dutch landscape painters as Hobbema, Ruissdael and Wynants. Gainsborough's work, however, has a greater naturalism than that of the Dutch. Gainsborough achieved his naturalism largely through the effect of light streaming through physical space. At Ipswich, he devoted himself seriously to portraiture as a means of supporting a demanding wife and two daughters. His paintings of this period combine landscape and portraiture in superb adjustment and balance. His powers of vision and the ability to apprehend the posture, gesture and form of his subjects as expressions of personality never left him. Gainsborough allowed his art to be limited by the fashion of the day, which rejected landscape as a minor genre. His works are noted for their simplicity and a light, rapid and vibrant touch. He died in 1788. Others born today include Patrice Munsel, D. G. Fahrenheit and Otto Klemperer.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
NAPTHA — (NAP-tha) — noun; a colorless, colatile liquid, a petroleum distillate.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?
1—Edwin T. Booth.
2—Southwest.
3—An outcast.
4—Percy Bysshe Shelley.
5—Greek tragic drama.



DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

We at first were very irritated with our eight-year-old daughter, who developed an asthmatic attack every time she had an overnight date at a friend's house. Almost regularly she would go with enthusiasm, and then we would have to call for her in the middle of the night. She never has such an attack at home. Is this unusual?

Mr. E. P. Virginia

Dear Mrs. P.: This is not an unusual occurrence and it must not be treated with irritability and annoyance. The one who suffers the most is your daughter, for Dr. Coleman she has the burden of the asthma and the embarrassment that may go with it in such a social situation.

It is well known that the emotions play an important role in every facet of our lives. There is not a single body response in health or in illness that in some way is not affected by the emotions. Asthma happens to be one of the conditions which is particularly triggered by emotional upsets.

It may well be that your daughter, who normally is safe and secure in her own room surrounded by her own parents, may become terrified when away from home. This understandable experience is by no means an uncommon one. Her attack of asthma may be her way of seeking to return to the security of her parents.

Another factor which must be considered, of course, is the possibility that some offending substance to which your daughter is allergic may be present in her friend's house. A cat, a dog, a wool rug or virtually anything not present in your home might cause an asthmatic attack when she is exposed to it elsewhere.

A trial might be made to see if she develops an attack in another home. This might give you some indication as to the nature of it. Consultation with your doctor may point to allergic study, psychological direction, or both. Very often routine psychological tests can give evidence of the emotional basis for asthmatic attacks.

Does blood in the stool have meaning when it happens only occasionally?

Mr. J. C., Arkansas

Dear Mr. C.: Blood in the stool has meaning always even if it occurs occasionally. It is bright red, or dark red, and if it persists. It simply means that a blood vessel, small or large, has broken somewhere in the intestinal tract. Since bleeding is nature's warning, it most certainly must be respected and the site of bleeding localized.

In most instances, bright blood is caused by bleeding hemorrhoids or piles.

Bleeding from the stomach or intestines is almost always noted as black or tarry. With modern diagnostic methods including X-rays and barium studies, the entire intestinal tract can be studied with accuracy, to find the exact reason for bleeding. To casually overlook even occasional bleeding can do you a great injustice.

How soon after a cold can a child safely go back to school?

Mrs. S. T., Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. T.: The absence of fever is an excellent indication that infection is under control. Two days of normal temperature in most instances can permit the child to return to normal activity.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Seat belts are as important in automobiles as they are in airplanes.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ J 10 9 3
♥ A K Q 4
♦ J 10 3
♠ 6 4

WEST
♦ K 6 5 2
♥ J 10 8 6
♦ 8 5
♠ A K Q

EAST
♦ 8 7 4
♥ 9 2
♦ 9 6
♠ J 10 8 3 2

SOUTH
♦ A Q
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A K Q 7 4 2
♠ 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Dble 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
5 ♦

Opening lead — king of clubs. Let's say you're declarer in five diamonds and West cashes two clubs and shifts to a heart. You win with the queen and draw two rounds of trumps, but what do you do next?

There are two obvious chances for the contract. One is that the hearts are divided 3-3, and the other is that a spade finesse will succeed if the hearts prove to be divided 4-2.

Neither prospect is attractive. First, the odds are clearly against a suit dividing 3-3, even if the opponents pass through-out, but they are much worse

after West doubles. He is likely to have four hearts for his double.

Second, you shouldn't invest even a plugged nickel for your chance of winning the spade finesse. West is practically certain to have the king, since he could scarcely double without it.

Since these two probabilities add up to going down one, you start looking for other ways and means of salvaging the contract. And if you look hard enough, you find the answer.

Assuming that your preliminary diagnosis is correct, West will have to guard both the hearts and the spades and you can put him under very severe pressure by cashing your remaining trumps.

Accordingly, you play four more rounds of trumps — reducing your hand to the A-Q of spades and 7-5 of hearts, while dummy keeps the jack of spades and A-K-4 of hearts.

On your last trump lead, West must choose a discard from a holding of the K-6 of spades and 10-8-6 of hearts. He cannot spare a heart, so he discards the six of spades.

You now cash the A-K of hearts, East showing out, and lead the jack of spades toward low, you go up with the ace, since West's last two cards are bound to be the ten of hearts and king of spades.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A savage wind storm all but demolished a drive-in theatre in the Poconos recently. All that was left was a sign at the entrance identifying the feature picture scheduled for that evening: "Gone With the Wind."

Pandro Berman, who has produced over a hundred top-drawer motion pictures during his sensational career in Hollywood, was the real "discoverer" of Elizabeth Taylor when he starred her as an adolescent kid in "National Velvet" (he also produced "Butterfield 8" for her — and MGM — many years later).

During the filming of "National Velvet," Miss Taylor became so attached to the horse she rode in the film that Berman persuaded MGM's boss, Louise M. Mayer, to give it to her when the picture was ready for release. And Miss Taylor didn't forget Berman's kindness either. When she first saw him again on the "Butterfield 8" set, she recalled sweetly, "Ah, you're the man who got that horse for me. And thanks to you I'm still feeding him after twenty years."

Obvisously, funds for domestic programs, after peace in Vietnam, would be available only after we have completely rehabilitated North Vietnam!

Factograph

The maximum sway of the Eiffel Tower in high winds is about five inches.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1970

Twin City
News

BH HIGH SCHOOL REOPENS PEACEFULLY TODAY



NEARLY DESERTED: Cafeteria, which doubles as a study hall at Benton Harbor high, contains only small group of students waiting for buses

when classes were dismissed Wednesday because of racial disturbances.

Racial, Tension Erupts

Principal Asks Parents To Help Control Youths

Benton Harbor high school opened peacefully this morning on a reduced class schedule after closing Wednesday noon during a series of disturbances. Only seniors were admitted to the building today. Principal Fred Murray said seniors and juniors will attend classes Friday. "If everything goes well, sophomores will return to school Monday" and full operations will resume.

The chaos Wednesday was triggered by a skirmish in the lunchroom and resulted in several small fights and a black-white confrontation outside the building. A white student and a black student, both 16, were arrested by police and later released to their parents.

Three students sustained what school officials called injuries, including one who was treated and released at Mercy hospital for a head cut. A broken window at the south end of the school and a beer bottle smashed in a hallway were the only reported vandalism in the building.

CAR DAMAGED
School and police officials said the fracas occurred after a black student's car was damaged Tuesday, allegedly by white students who slashed tires and broke a mirror. This increased tension developing between some blacks and whites in the student body of 2,000.

Benton Harbor police reported warrants were being sought for arrests in connection with the damage to the car.

Attendance this morning was 418 out of 568 seniors. Forty seniors are out of town on a trip with the Madrigal singers. Murray described the absentee rate as slightly above normal.

Murray said "some strangers" were at the scene of the disturbance Wednesday and added that no visitors will be admitted during the back-to-school trial. Seniors returning today were required to show identification. No students will be admitted tomorrow after 8 a.m.

Sammie Rodgers, director of attendance and student affairs, said some of the non-students and formerly attended BHHS and three were identified as arrested in earlier disturbances at Western Michigan university.

"Those who are not here to learn will be sent home," Murray declared, "and those who can be identified as taking part in the disturbance will be recommended for permanent expulsion by the board of education."

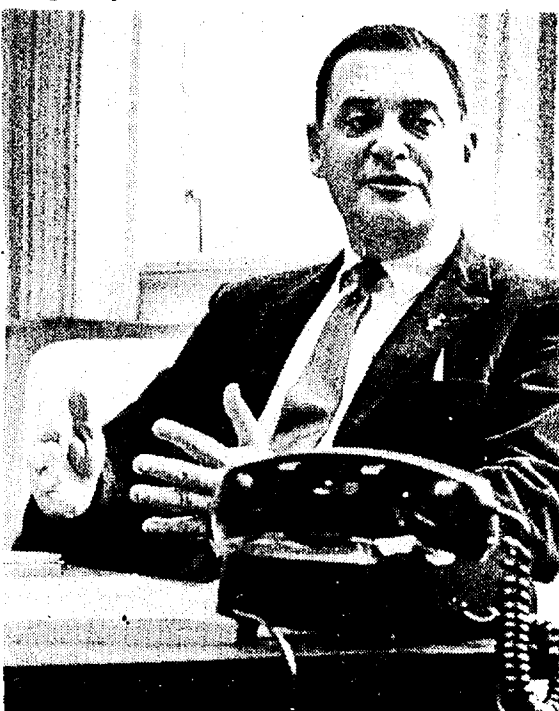
Murray asked for the help of the community and especially parents in talking to their children about proper behavior. Supt. Mark Lewis said high school administrators, teachers and police "did an excellent job in what could have been a very dangerous situation."

The flurry in the cafeteria was described as minor. Murray said he and Police Chief William McClaran were nearby in the building at the time, conferring about security measures. They rushed to the lunchroom and the fight had ended.

Only one-third of the student body can be served in the cafeteria at one time. **DANGEROUS SITUATION**
McClaran said a dangerous situation developed outside, marked by a confrontation of blacks and whites in the parking lot, and later by some 200 blacks and whites on Empire



STUDENTS HURT: Miss Mildred DeHorn, co-ordinator of nurses, treats injured student while another awaits aid after fracas Wednesday at Benton Harbor high school. Three students sustained slight injuries.



SENIORS ONLY: Benton Harbor High Principal Fred Murray explains that school will reopen today for seniors only with juniors reporting Friday and sophomores Monday if all goes well. (Staff photos)

avenue. Five policemen were on duty near the school and additional officers were called in to help control the crowd.

A heavy chain was seized from the white student arrested. McClaran said police did not

see anyone struck by it. He was released to his parents and will be referred to juvenile court. The black student was released while police checked to determine if a faculty member wanted to sign a complaint.

A woman who identified herself as the mother of Bill Lindley, 651 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, disputed school officials' claims that injuries were minor. She told this newspaper her son had stitches at Mercy hospital for facial cuts and was to return today for an X-ray for possible concussion. He was hit with a beer bottle in the hallway while going to his locker after classes were dismissed.

The decision to dismiss school Wednesday afternoon was made by school officials after conferring with police.

A large group of whites congregated across the street from the school Wednesday morning. Murray said they were told to either get in school or leave. Some of the bystanders were non-students.

Tuesday afternoon, a white student was reported assaulted by a group of Negroes outside the school.

Murray in a press conference yesterday called the high school woefully overcrowded. The board of education Monday voted to put the school on double sessions next year to relieve the jam. Juniors and seniors will attend in the morning. Freshmen will be brought in to attend classes with sophomores in the afternoon.

A teacher who asked not to be identified said hard feeling has developed this year among some 50 students, half black, half white.

Trouble occurred yesterday while a candidate for principal was in the building. Murray earlier announced his resignation effective June 30.

Hearing On Killing Postponed

Memorial Fund For Policeman Totals \$6,000

A Fifth District court hearing scheduled for today for the accused slayer of Benton Township Police Sgt. Robert L. Stevens was postponed, court officials said. A new date has not been set yet.

Earl E. Harrison, 33, was charged with first degree murder in connection with the April 29 fatal slaying of Sgt. Stevens at the Holmsted restaurant, 1-94 and Napier avenue.

Harrison was wounded as he ran from the restaurant and has been kept under maximum guard at Berrien General hospital. He was transferred to the Berrien county jail yesterday and has a cell overlooking the St. Joseph river.

Sheriff's officers said Harrison's arm was still bandaged and in a sling. He was shot three times while fleeing Sheriff's Det. Fred E. Reeves, Jr.

POLICEMAN SLAIN

Stevens was slain with his own gun while on a coffee break at the Holmsted restaurant. A man entered the restaurant, ripped Stevens' revolver from the holster and shot him in the back.

Harrison, who has no permanent address, was taken to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital, and later to Berrien General. While at Mercy, he was arraigned in his hospital bed before District Judge John T. Hammond.

A memorial fund established for the officer's widow and children has climbed to \$6,000. Farmers & Merchants National Bank President Richard Willard said today. The bank is depository for the fund.

The Blossom Trails Golf Course and the Market Grill, 1591 Territorial road, have helped the fund by holding a sports promotion and breakfast benefit. Willard said other benefit programs were planned.

Students Honored At Banquet

Numerous scholarships and awards were presented at the annual Cooperative Education Employers' banquet for Lake Michigan college and Benton Harbor high school students and their employers at Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville, according to E. A. Larson, Distributive Education coordinator at LMC.

The annual event which brings together area employers and their student employees from the two schools was attended by 270 persons.

Scholarships of \$120 each to LMC by the Distributive Education and Office Education Advisory committees were awarded to James Brandonisio, a cooperative student at Blake's Inc., St. Joseph; Pamela Williams, a cooperative student at Sears, Roebuck and Co., Benton Harbor; Stella Rolfe, cooperative student in the office of Dr. Chester Zwissler, Benton Harbor; and a \$120 per semester scholarship from Jewel Foods, Benton Harbor, to Ken Bates. All of the above students reside in Benton Harbor.

Plaques were presented to Jennifer Weir of Benton Harbor, an office cooperative student at Auto Specialties Co., as the student employee of the year; Maggie Hedges of Stevensville, as outstanding office education student at LMC; and Gregg Norton, president of DECA, for his outstanding contribution in the field of distributive education.

Featured speaker was J. Howard Edwards, assistant general manager of V-M Corp., Benton Harbor. He discussed his problems of finding a job during the depression and contrasted this with the opportunities today in securing jobs. He cautioned students to beware of gimmicks to entice purchase of consumer goods and suggested they save a portion of their earnings.

Artificial Turf

ANN ARBOR (AP) — The University of Michigan football team will play eight out of its ten 1970 games on artificial surfaces.

It's Back To School At Kazoo

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Kalamazoo's 18,000 public school students will return Thursday to classrooms which have been shut for three days because of racial tensions.

The schools were closed following violent racial flareups last week at Kalamazoo Central High and some junior high schools. About 25 persons were injured, and damage was estimated at \$2,000, mostly from broken windows.

Police made about a dozen arrests on charges ranging from malicious destruction of property to assault, resisting arrest and loitering. Twenty-two students were suspended.

Teachers have been meeting this week to discuss racial problems in the schools. Students are expected to engage in similar discussions when they return to school Thursday.

U-M Products

ANN ARBOR — Bill Freehan, Bob Reed and Elliott Maddox of the Detroit Tigers, Dave Campbell of the San Diego Padres, Ted Sizemore of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Bill Zepp of the Minnesota Twins are all former University of Michigan baseball players.



AWARD WINNERS: Marina Shoemaker (left) and Maynard Pohl, both seventh graders at Benton Harbor junior high recently won awards in the National Poetry Press contest of Los Angeles, Cal. Marina's poem entitled "Brotherhood," and Maynard's poem "The Eternal Sea," will be included in the poetry anthology, "Young America Songs," according to Mrs. Mary Schlabach their teacher. (Staff photo)

Ronald G. Wilson Of Gast Retiring

Will Remain As Board Vice President

Ronald G. (Red) Wilson, vice president of Gast Manufacturing Corp., will retire Friday to close 32 years of active service with the company. He will remain as vice president of the board of directors.

William Gast, company president, cited Wilson for his many accomplishments. He joined Gast when the firm was located at Bridgman. The plant was destroyed by fire a year later and Wilson played a key role in relocation of the company to Benton Harbor.

A follow-up by Wilson on a sales inquiry from a Dayton, Ohio, firm was largely responsible for launching Gast into the graphic arts sales field. His ability in sales, marketing, engineering and cost evaluation is credited with a major part in the growth of the company.

A recent assignment was investigation of firms for acquisition. His efforts led to bringing G. H. Walgren and Tri-Mer Corp. into the Gast family. Wilson became sales manager in the early 1940s, was named to the board of directors in 1952 and elected vice president of the



RONALD G. WILSON

board in 1953. The company moved from downtown Benton Harbor to its present location, M-139 south, Benton township, in 1955. Since then, it has made several expansions.

Retirement plans for Wilson and his wife, Jean, call for extensive travel "to enjoy warmer, drier winters," but "after 32 years with Gast Manufacturing, I'll miss all the wonderful people and our beautiful plant."

He has been a member of the Benton Harbor planning commission for many years. Other kiting association, Twin cities Rotary club, Western Michigan Chapter of the American Marketing association, Twincities Area Safety council and Economic club. He is an engineering graduate of the University of Michigan.

BH Alumni Frat Will Hold Dance

The Benton Harbor alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity will hold a spring dance Saturday at the Howard Johnson restaurant from 8:30 to 2 a.m., according to Charles Moore, publicity chairman.

The Johnny McCree band will play for dancing and entertainment.

Members of the alumni chapter here are all former members of Kappa Alpha Psi, a social and service fraternity, at various colleges. Charles Sanders is head of the local chapter.

Members of the dance committee include Sanders, Moore, Ed Richey, Richard Tynes, Ernest Whiteside and Dr. T. J. Woodford.

Model Cities Plan Ready For HUD

A \$1.5 million plan for launching an upgrading program in the Benton Harbor - Benton township Model Cities neighborhood is ready to go to the federal government in final form.

The city commission and the township board separately approved the inch-thick document last night following a joint public meeting in the Benton Harbor library.

Known as the first-year action plan, the document is to be hand delivered Friday to the Chicago office of the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department.

The plan requires \$1,340,000 from HUD to finance the bulk of 13 specific programs, and an estimated \$31,140 from the two local governing bodies and another \$170,850 from other sources.

HUD has already pledged its share, pending final HUD approval of the plan.

The plan is to provide the basis for a 4-7 year total effort to upgrade conditions for the 8,000-10,000 residents living in the 1,236-acre neighborhood.

YEARS OF EFFORT

Local approval capped a three-year effort to get the combined program underway. An initial application for federal funds to carry out the planning was made in 1967 and refilled in 1968. A \$93,500 grant was received late in 1968.

George Welch, chairman of the Community Progress Commission (CPC) which was responsible for plan development, said the approval was a preliminary step. Final local action will come when a formal contract is received from HUD for adoption.

The preliminary action, said Welch, means the two local governments approve the plan generally. Some details might be altered before final commitments are made.

According to Welch the approved document was the same as a draft distributed to officials about two weeks ago. Some wording was changed and some \$21,000 in projected salary costs were eliminated.

SALARIES REDUCED
The salary reductions came after the state employment service reviewed job descriptions of the proposed positions. Some five programs, including the citizens participation plan, were affected.

The citizens participation plan was developed by the Citizens Steering Council (CSC) which was instrumental in developing the total plan through the CPC.

A major thrust of the overall plan involves establishment of six neighborhood centers. The prefabricated or modular unit houses, each costing about \$11,000, would be scattered throughout the neighborhood.

Services covered under the other programs such as mental health, health, family aid, job employment, training and referral would operate from the six centers.

Lakeshore Elementary Concert Set

The Lakeshore elementary band concert by the fifth and sixth grades is scheduled for Friday, at the Stevensville Elementary School gym beginning at 7:30 p.m. Directors of the event are William Achterberg, junior high director, and Arnold Lesser, senior high director. The concert is open to the public with no admission charge.

FOR 'BLACKS ONLY'

Employment Topic Of Sunday Meeting

A "blacks only" meeting on employment problems will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. in Blossom Acres Community center, according to James Alexander, president of the Young Men's Improvement club.

A principal topic will be jobs in construction and related industries and complaints that jobs are not opening for blacks, Alexander said. Also discussed will be promotions or the lack of them for qualified persons.

Alexander said the meeting is sponsored by the Young Men's Improvement club, NAACP and Civil Rights commission representatives. Stated to speak are representatives of Tri-County Community Action program and the Small Business organization. A "blacks only" meeting was held last month to discuss crime.

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ANDREWS U. CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ON EXHIBIT

Lawrence
Session Set
On MillageResidents Can
Also Meet With
Board Hopefuls

LAWRENCE — An open public meeting will be held June 2 for residents of the Lawrence school district to obtain information on a millage proposal to be voted on June 8 and for residents to meet candidates for the school board.

The board of education last night set the meeting for 730 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, in the high school library.

Residents of the district will vote June 8 on a proposal to renew three mills for three years to provide operating money for the district. The three mill levy, if approved, would replace a similar levy which expired with the last tax collection.

Supt. Wesley Harding has pointed out if the proposal is approved the tax rate in the district next year would remain the same as this year. He said the total tax rate in the district was 28.18 mills. This includes 8.68 mills allocated by the county, the three mills which expired, 10 other extra voted mills, and 6.5 mills for debt retirement. Approval of the renewal of the three mills would keep the tax rate at 28.18 mills, Harding said.

PETITIONS FILED
During the meeting it was announced four persons filed nominating petitions for one three-year term on the board to be filed June 8. Candidates are William Chandler, Henry H. Hargard, Raymond Field, and Lester Hagberg. The incumbent, Earl Kabel, is not seeking re-election.

In other action, the board formally voted to withdraw from the Al-Van athletic league at the end of the 1970-71 school year and to take immediate steps to join a new conference to be composed of Bloomingdale, Decatur, Gobles, Hartford, Lawton, Marcellus and Schoolcraft. Lawrence would participate in the new league beginning in the fall of 1971.

TEACHERS HIRED
The board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Dannis, high school English teacher, who is planning to return to college. The board hired Mrs. Candace Laufer to teach high school English and Mrs. Betty Wassman to teach Spanish and junior high school English for the next school year.

The board also accepted the resignation of Webster Thompson as elementary custodian and hired Gabriel Reinertson to replace Thompson.

Named to the election board for the June 8 election were Mrs. LaDoy Day, Mrs. Richard Poland, Mrs. Sidney Norris and Mrs. Carl Whitman.

Bills totaling \$5,841 were approved for payment.

Historical
Unit Will
Hold Dinner

COLOMA — The North Berrien Historical society will have its annual spring cooperative family dinner at 6:30 p.m. May 19 at United Church of Christ, here.

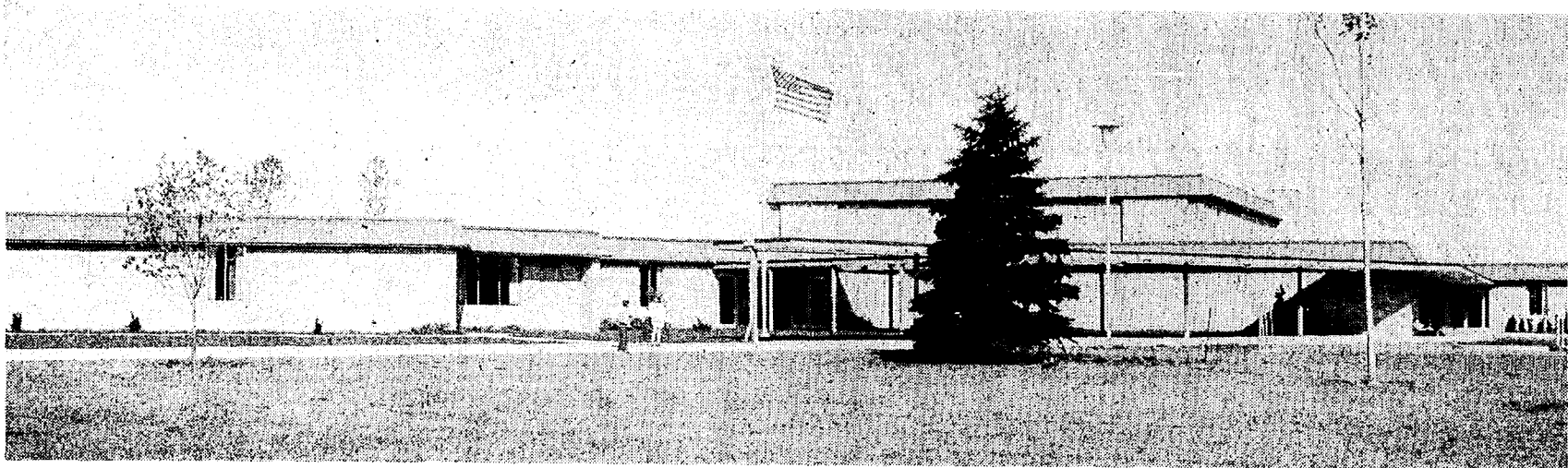
Ralph Stroebel, director of Saginaw museum and one of only five persons to receive the distinguished service award from the Michigan historical society, will present a slide program on "Lumbering in Michigan."

Stroebel, a recognized authority on the state's lumbering era, will bring a display of artifacts from the pioneer lumbering industry.

William Beverly, program chairman, invited everyone with an interest in the state to bring them for display. He said guests are welcome.

Democratic Club
Will Meet Friday
At New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — The New Buffalo Area Democratic club will meet Friday at 8 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church, according to Mrs. Edward Smithberger, publicity chairman.



NEW LABORATORY SCHOOL: Open house is scheduled Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. for public viewing of Andrews University laboratory school. Completed

last year, school has 24 classrooms arranged in wings extending from three corners of central cafeteria-auditorium. It houses more than 500 elementary and

junior high level students. Andrews education students gain practical experience in its classes.

Open House
Scheduled
SundayServes As Place
To Try Out New
Education Ideas

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Open house for the new Andrews University Laboratory school on Garland avenue will feature a student art exhibit and tours from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Clifford Jaqua, superintendent, said the public is invited to participate in the opening of the school, a co-educational day school.

The new building on Garland avenue houses elementary (kindergarten through sixth grade) and junior academy (seventh through ninth grades). A separate older building on the university campus houses the senior academy (tenth through 12th grades).

OPEN 2 YEARS
It was opened in the fall of 1968 when grades K to 6 moved in. The junior academy students transferred to it last fall. Current enrollment is 300 in the elementary and 210 in the junior academy.

The 24 classrooms in the building are arranged in wings and extend from three corners of a central area. Movable partitions permit flexibility and make it possible for children to work in varied - sized groups with instructional processes adapted to class size and the learning needs of each student. This structural feature also allows for economical revisions to accommodate future changes in educational methodology. Each classroom also contains restrooms and has an outside exit.

Activity - conference rooms adjoining the classrooms lend themselves to self - teaching, small-group learning, individualized instruction, and private counseling.

Other features of the laboratory school are its central library, audio-visual workroom, cafeteria, kitchen, music - practice rooms, and administrative offices.

UNIVERSITY LINKED
Principals of the elementary and junior academy divisions, respectively, are Donald E. Van Duinen and Richard D. Jordan. The administration and faculty of the school cooperate with the Andrews University department of education in coordinating a teacher - training program. In addition, the facility serves as a demonstration school and a laboratory for educational innovation and research.

The laboratory school, which cost \$900,000, covers an area of 45,000 square feet and is located on a 45-acre plot.

It is accredited with the State of Michigan and with the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Institutions of Higher Education and Secondary Schools.

Bang! Niles
Electricity
Snapped Off

NILES — An electric transformer, exploding with enough of a report to be heard inside the nearby police station, left the entire downtown section of Niles without power early today.

The explosion occurred at 6 a.m. in a city substation, disrupting the power to scores of business places, a large number of homes and at least five traffic lights.

City police officers were kept over from the night shift and were brought in early on the day shift to direct traffic at the intersections.

The transformer on Broadway beside the St. Joseph river belongs to the Niles board of public works. Workers estimated that it would take until about 10 a.m. to replace the blown transformer, police reported. Niles purchases most of its power from Indiana and Michigan Electric Co.

No cause for the mishap was immediately determined. There was no electrical storm in the area.

Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press
May 14 State Police Count
This Year
Last Year

Reorganization Defeated

Little Country Schools Will Remain

LANSING (AP) — Led by Republicans, the Michigan House has turned thumbs down for the second time on a bill to eliminate kindergarten-through-eighth grade school districts.

The measure, similar to but much weaker than one proposed by Gov. William Milliken, failed Wednesday by a 42-52 vote. An earlier attempt to pass the mea-

Body Found
In River
Near Niles

NILES — The body of an elderly woman was found tangled in snags in St. Joseph river near here Wednesday evening by a pair of teen-aged boys, residents of the area.

The body is thought to be that of a missing South Bend woman — Margaret W. Orey, about 70. Relatives from South Bend were expected at Niles this afternoon to attempt positive identification.

State police said that there was no apparent physical evidence to indicate foul play. Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. H. M. Grundset of Niles made the preliminary examination.

The body was discovered shortly after 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph river about a quarter-mile north of Bertrand road bridge by Mathew Brazo, 14, of 2820 Copper street, and Michael Turner, 17, of 2950 Chevy Chase.

It was recovered from the river by troopers of the Niles post, and conservation officer Eugene Eisenheimer of Buchanan. Officers said decomposition was extensive.

Tentative identification was made through a name on a scrap of paper inside a small plastic coin purse that police found in a pocket of the dead woman's clothing.

Although missing for several weeks from the Niles home of a brother, the woman's disappearance was not reported to police, officers said. It only came to light through the identification of the body. South Bend police completed that part of the investigation.

The body was taken to Silver Brook cemetery mausoleum, Niles, pending other arrangements and positive identification.

Officers said the investigation would continue in an attempt to determine the cause of, and the reason for the woman's death.

TO MEET COSTS

Lawrence Council Ups
Water, Sewer Rates

LAWRENCE — Village residents will begin paying an additional \$16 a year for sewer and water service starting next month.

The village council last night voted to increase the basic annual rates from \$68 to \$84 to help keep the water and sewer department operating in the black.

The council also agreed to notify property owners that they must mow grass in vacant lots they own or the village will do the mowing and put the cost on the owner's tax bill.

Village President M.J. Conklin said Lawrence will not participate in Michigan Week Mayor Exchange day. The village has not participated in the event for several years.

Current bills totaling \$7,469 were approved.

sure was defeated 42-44.

The plan would have given primarily rural K-8 school districts until July 1, 1971 to conduct consolidation referenda and join other neighboring districts or face mandatory annexation by the same date in 1972.

CHANCES DIM
Rep. Clifford Smart of Walled Lake, ranking Republican on the House Education Committee and a principal sponsor of the bill, part of Milliken's 12-point education reform plan, chances were dim for further passage attempts this year.

But, Smart said, the Milliken administration may decide to push for an even weaker bill that simply would propose guidelines for future reorganization that would be submitted to the Legislature.

Milliken, in submitting his scheme last fall for modernizing Michigan's education system from top to bottom, proposed

Crop Dusting
Plane Gets
Back In Air

SOUTH HAVEN — A single-engine plane, forced to land on Interstate 196 because of weather conditions, returned safely to South Haven Municipal airport late Wednesday afternoon.

Pilot William Agan, 26, Blytheville, Ark., used the two-lane highway for a runway as state police from South Haven stopped traffic.

Officials of the Mueller Crop Dusting Service, which owned the plane, said the pilot was back in the air Wednesday night dusting several area apple orchards.

Wednesday's rain and fog which formed quickly, created problems for another Mueller pilot who was forced to land at Watervliet airport until conditions bettered and allowed him to return to South Haven.

Swim Signup
Is Continuing

SOUTH HAVEN — Registration is continuing for the summer swimming program sponsored by the city of South Haven recreation department. Registration forms may be obtained from the recreation office, 602 Phoenix street, between 1 and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The deadline for registering is May 29.

that all local school districts include at least 2,000 students.

His original plan also called for eliminating 114 K-8 districts and more than 150 others with fewer than 2,000 students or not operating at all.

But primarily rural legislators in Milliken's own party rejected the plan as an infringement on home rule.

They also invoked visions of the little red schoolhouse in debate Tuesday on the bill.

Rep. Quincy Hoffman, R-Applegate, called the bill a "black-jack" that would guarantee the defeat of local bond or millage proposals.

"We don't want to be forced," said Rep. Charles Varnum, R-Manistique.

Rep. Dominic Jacobetti, D-Negaunee, said larger schools are focal points of uncontrolled student activism. "You don't see that in the small schools," he said. "The small schools teach 'em how to behave."

PARIMUTUAL BETTING
In other action Wednesday, the House began action on a controversial bill proposed by Rep. George Montgomery, D-Detroit, to license off-track parimutuel betting on horse races.

Supporters of the bill say Montgomery's proposed system of betting parlors would raise as much as \$40 million.

After brief debate Wednesday dominated by supporters of the plan, the House began a vote on the bill that saw some 45-50 votes recorded for it. But a rash of switches led to cancellation of the tally and Montgomery withdrew the bill for later action.

Montgomery's plan is similar to a law enacted in New York, but has been opposed by Detroit and Michigan State Police who contend it would not eliminate illegal bookie operations.



STELLAR SPELLERS: Eric Koik and Christa Linke of Bridgman earned first and second place respectively in the Lutheran schools county-wide spelling bee Wednesday. The last of 40 champion spellers from five Berrien county schools, Christa went down on "erroneous," and Eric won on "ecstasy." Spelling master was Ernest Winter, principal of Christ Lutheran School of Stevensville. Both of the winning youngsters represent Bridgman Immanuel school. (Staff photos)



WINNING SMILES: With joy showing all over their faces, these eight youngsters from St. Joseph Trinity Lutheran school clutch the trophy that proclaims them the top spelling team of Lutheran schools in Berrien county. As a team they out-pointed other groups from Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Sawyer and Stevensville. Members of the team are: Tamra Dorow, Darlene Gleffe, Mark Koehneke, Jim Zimmer, Cindy Welscher, Gerald Wolf, Malcolm Hatfield, and Karen Koehneke. (Staff photos)

Cass Hog
Rustlers
Sought

DOWAGIAC — The Cass County Sheriff's department is investigating the rustling of 55 hogs valued at \$2,325 from the Riley Wyant farm on Hampshire road, five miles south of Dowagiac.

Deputies said the rustling occurred between April 9 and Wednesday, when it was discovered by the owners. Wyant is one of the largest hog producers in Cass county and raises registered Chester hogs.

Deputies said the thieves apparently backed a truck up to a pen located adjacent to a barn and loaded up the hogs. Taken were 10 registered Chester white hogs valued at \$75 each and 45 gilts and farrows valued at \$45 each.

The Wyants told deputies the thefts apparently occurred on one of the weekends when the Wyants were displaying some hogs at hog shows.

Sheriff James Northrop said the theft is one of many hog rustling complaints his department has received during the past 18 months.

He said, "Farmers should watch their livestock and particularly report any suspicious trucks they see in the area in the late evening or early morning hours. If they plan to leave for the weekend, they should notify the sheriff's department so their property can be watched."

Tractor,
Hay Burn
At Decatur

DECATUR — A barn fire on the John Walleck farm on 92nd street shortly before 1 a.m. today resulted in damages totaling more than \$1,000.

The fire started with a minor explosion of unknown origin that ignited gasoline in the tractor, according to Fire Chief Donald Overley.

Firemen pulled the tractor from where it was stored in the barn and extinguished the flames, but not before the fire had spread to stored hay. About 100 bales were destroyed, the fire chief said.

Damage to the 1963 tractor and the burned hay was partially covered by insurance.

The farm, located about three miles southwest of Decatur, is owned by John Cervan, also of 92nd street.

Bloom'dale
Plans Dinner
For Mayor

BLOOMINGDALE — The Mayor Exchange Day dinner in Bloomington will be held in the Christian church fellowship hall Monday at 6 p.m.

Village councilman Allen Harris and his wife will host the mayor and his wife from Corunna in Shiawassee county. Councilman Robert Van Horn and his wife will visit Corunna the same day.

The public is invited to the dinner and those wishing to attend may contact Stephen Dickerson for tickets.